

**Darganfod  
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**Discover  
Debate  
Decide**

**Welsh Baccalaureate - Year 10  
What idea would you present to the Petitions  
Committee?**



**What is the National Assembly for Wales?**  
**The National Assembly for Wales is made up of 60 Assembly Members from across Wales. They are elected by the people of Wales to represent them and their communities, make laws for Wales and to ensure the Welsh Government is doing its job properly.**

## Unit 03 – What is your opinion?

### What idea would you present to the Petitions Committee?

#### Aim:

To acquaint pupils with the National Assembly's petition system and give them the chance to raise issues that are important to them.

#### Objectives:

- Develop group work and problem-solving skills by deciding upon a local or a national issue, and coming up with a solution for it.
- Practise presentation skills by delivering this idea to the rest of the group.
- Use the internet to research the petition systems of both the National Assembly for Wales and UK Parliament, and voice an opinion.

#### Resources:

- Video on submitting a petition.**
- Internet access.
- Resource 14: Examples of petitions submitted to the National Assembly for Wales.**

#### Task:

##### Step 01:

Pupils are divided into focus groups to discuss either a local issue or a new law that would affect all of Wales. Once they've decided upon the issue most important to them, they must work together to create a presentation on it, in the form of either a poster, PowerPoint, podcast or speech.

##### Step 02:

All groups should present their idea to the rest of the class. Pupils must then vote for their favourite.

##### Step 03:

Pupils should use the information on <http://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions.htm> to find out how to submit the winning petition to the National Assembly. This could be done as a 5-minute research task, with answers fed back at the end and collated on the whiteboard.

### **Extended Activities:**

Pupils should visit <https://www.assemblywales.org/gethome/e-petitions/sign-petition.htm> to check the list of open petitions, and sign whichever ones they agree with.

More petitions reflecting the UK Parliament's responsibilities are available on <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/>.

## **Resource 14 – Examples of Petitions Submitted to the National Assembly for Wales**

### **The Campaign for Dark Skies**

#### **Lead petitioner: Campaign for Dark Skies**

We call upon the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh Assembly Government to tackle the growing problem of light- pollution in Wales. Light-pollution is the result of wasted light, which means wasted energy. The Campaign for Dark Skies are calling on the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh Government to provide clear guidance to Welsh local authorities regarding light pollution.

### **Prohibition of Political Events in Schools**

#### **Lead petitioner: John Tyler**

We call upon the National Assembly for Wales to urge the Welsh Government to ensure that political organisations, including affiliated or associated youth organisations, be prohibited from organizing events or interacting with children without their parents express permission, at any school premises or event.

Such prohibition would apply to all children and young people attending school.

Where for reasons of a curriculum, exposure to political organisations is required, express permission should be gained from parents prior to the event.

### **Call for a Welsh Olympic Team by 2012**

#### **Lead petitioner: Dr Geraint Tudur**

We call upon the National Assembly for Wales to ensure that a team from Wales competes in the 2012 Olympic Games, and every subsequent games thereafter.

### **Proximity of wind turbines to residential dwellings**

#### **Lead petitioner: Glyncorrwg Action Group**

We ask the Assembly to review the current position on the proximity of wind turbines to homes, which is now 500m.

We would ask that the minimum distance be 2km as in Scotland.

Besides problems of noise, there have been many accidents and the closeness to homes affects the visual amenity of residents.

### **Safe Roads for Schools**

#### **Lead Petitioner: Mrs. Andrea Sandiford**

The pupils of Whitchurch High School believe that the Assembly should make roads safer outside schools.